TEXT OF CLAIMS CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for storing adhesive compositions comprising:

(a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into ~~reducing the level of freeze-thaw voids in an uncured adhesive subjected to freezing and thawing comprising storing the adhesive in a~~ container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having ~~and~~ (i) ~~have~~ a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 0.762 mm or (ii) ~~have~~ a thickness of 0.0254 to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value (R_a) of greater than 0.3 µm.

(b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and

(c) storing the adhesive while frozen.

2. The method according to claim 1 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable and has a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.

3. The method according to claim 2 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copyolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.

4. The method according to claim 1 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 1 or claim 10 in which the walls of the container are roughened by: adding contours to the interior walls of the container during fabrication, mechanical abrasion, plasma etching, chemical etching, or corona discharge.

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10. (Newly presented) A method for storing adhesive compositions comprising:

(a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into a container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value (R_a) of greater than 0.3 µm,

(b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and

(d) storing the adhesive while frozen.

11. (Newly presented) The method according to claim 10 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable and has a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.

12. (Newly presented) The method according to claim 11 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copyolymer, ethylene-

hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.

13. (Newly presented) The method according to claim 10 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.